

"We are open to conviction, if good arguments can be advanced against the operatives. We urge arbitration and will do our best to keep the unemployed operatives in a frame of mind to accept any reasonable terms and conduct the struggle, with order and peace, to the bitter end. We rely upon the belief that if the public think the operatives right they will not permit them to starve."

TAKEN AS A WHOLE.

WHAT THE EMPLOYERS SAY.

On the side of the spinners and manufacturers it is claimed that they cannot risk an adverse decision. In a manifesto, published yesterday, the employers say it was with full knowledge of the possible, indeed most probable, consequences clearly before them that the employers came to the conclusion to reduce wages ten per cent.

NO COMPROMISE POSSIBLE.

They felt, then, and are more convinced now, that there is no room for a concession on their part. They regret, therefore, that there can be no groundwork for compromise. Arbitration, they say, is out of the question.

MORE STRIKERS.

Nearly all the operatives at Danley whose notices expired last evening have joined in the strike. Thousands of idlers at Blackburn are wandering the streets. Some of them are becoming very clamorous for strike pay.

THE HOME RULERS.

A letter of Dr. Michael Francis Ward (home ruler) Member of Parliament for Galway borough, was published in Dublin on Wednesday, in which he defended himself respecting the course he took against Mr. O'Donnell (home ruler), member for Dungarvan, with reference to the latter's attack on the late Lord Leitrim, in the House of Commons, on the 12th inst.

GOING TO FICKES.

Dr. Ward's letter is regarded here as definitely breaking up the home rule party, since he says that the difference between the two sections is a constitutional one, and declines for the moderate section all responsibility for the revolutionary acts of Mr. Charles D. Parnell (home ruler), member for Meath.

STOCKS DEPRESSION.

The growing belief in the failure of the mediation in the Eastern troubles continues to depress the stock markets. There has been a general fall in prices. Russian securities are down one per cent.

THE IRISH BAIL.

Much anxiety was evinced here on Wednesday for news regarding the sale in New York of the Erie Railway, but it was not for some time after the closing of the Stock Exchange that a telegram announcing the sale was received.

SOCIETY AND THE CHURCH.

An encyclical just issued at Rome by the Pope points out that it is wrong for society to combat the Church and the Roman pontiff's, especially regarding the latter's civil principality, which is a guarantee of its liberty and independence. The Pope renews and confirms the protest of Pius IX. against the occupation of this civil principality of the Church. His Holiness is confident that with the aid of God and the zeal of pastors society will finally return to the homage it owes to the Church. The encyclical is generally moderate and full of expressions of affection toward society.

RELIGION FOLLOWING IN STANLEY'S WAKE.

The Abbe Debatz, who has been commissioned by the French government to cross Africa from Zanzibar to the Atlantic Ocean, embarked at Marseilles on the 23d inst. He expects to be gone three years. Nine missionaries from Algiers accompany him to Zanzibar, their object being to establish Catholic missions at Lakes Victoria and Tanganyika.

MIDIAN IN THE LAND OF MIDIAN.

Captain Burgo, the celebrated African traveller, commanding the Khedive's expedition to survey mines in the land of Midian, has returned, bringing to Alexandria twenty-five tons of specimen ore, containing gold, silver, copper, tin and lead. Captain Burgo found three sulphur centres, three turquoise mines and extensive deposits of gypsum, saltpetre and rock salt. He goes to England to arrange for the working of the mines for the Khedive.

AMERICAN GOODS FOR PARIS.

The cargoes of the Wyoming and Constellation are now discharging at Havre. The goods will all be forwarded to Paris before Sunday. The American section of the Exhibition is filling rapidly and it is thought that it will be little if any behind the others on the opening day, May 1.

O'LEARY IN IRELAND.

O'Leary, the pedagogue, on Wednesday evening completed at Dublin a walk of 220 miles in sixty hours.

RUSSIAN PRIVATEERS.

THE HERALD DESPATCH CABLED TO ENGLAND—DENIED BY THE RUSSIAN AND TURKISH CONSULS—REITERATION OF THE REPORT—COMMISSIONS, NOT LETTERS OF MARQUE.

[From the Evening Telegram of yesterday.]

LONDON, April 25, 1878.

The New York correspondent of the London Daily News telegraphs back here the special cable despatch of the New York HERALD, dated the 24th inst., which stated that "sixty-five officers and masters of the Russian navy had sailed for the United States, and that in the event of war with England these officers would take command of vessels purchased in and crews recruited from the United States, and if such was the case that it brought the Washington government face to face with the great question of international duty toward the two great nations."

RUSSIAN AND TURKISH CONSULS' DENIAL.

The correspondent also adds that he made inquiries at the Russian Consulate and the report was declared to be without foundation. The Turkish Consul, the despatch states, also doubted the truth of the story.

THE REPORT CONFIRMED.

The correspondent of the Telegram, after making diligent inquiries, finds that the facts as stated in the HERALD despatch are approximately true, and further discovers that the negotiations and arrangements at St. Petersburg were conducted by an American.

NOT PRIVATEERS, BUT RUSSIAN WAR VESSELS.

Martvellous secrecy has been preserved, and the cruisers, so far from being classed as privateers, will not be furnished with letters of marque, but will be regularly commissioned in the Russian navy.

ARMED COMMUNISTS.

CHICAGO, April 25, 1878.

There is considerable interest felt by citizens in the movements of the Communists of this city. They are actively at work drilling and arming with breech-loading rifles. Upon being questioned, they confess they are not merely in self-defense and will not foment disturbances. There are about 8,000 of them in this country, and it is stated that one or two thousand are armed and drilled weekly. The police are watching their movements to prevent a recurrence of the riots of last July.

RELIGIOUS CEREMONY.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 25, 1878.

Archbishop Gibbons conferred by ordination the rite of sub-deacon upon ten theologians and minor orders upon seventeen scholars at the Jesuit College, Woodstock, Md., to-day. The sub-deacons will be ordained priests on Saturday. Among those to be ordained priest is Mr. Platte, of New York; also two Franciscans, who were among the monks expelled from Germany some two years ago, and who sought refuge in this country. John Colgan, of Philadelphia, and John O'Rourke, of Newark, N. J., were among those ordained to minor orders. Nearly all the others were from various countries of Europe.

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